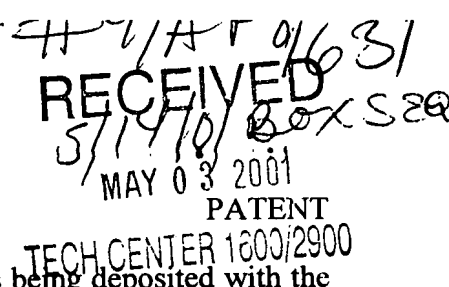


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 29, 2001, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-3, 14-17 and 64, drawn to isolated polypeptides, and SEQ ID NO:110, which encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:113, for examination at this time.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

^{NE} Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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